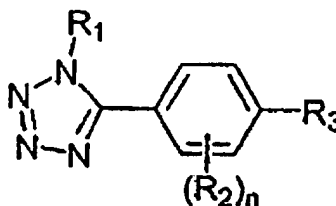


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Original) A compound of formula Ia:



(Ia)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

$R_1$  is  $\text{CO}_2R_4$ ;

each  $R_2$  is independently -halo,  $-\text{NO}_2$ ,  $-\text{CN}$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$ ,  $-\text{OR}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_8-\text{C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_5-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkenyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$ , -phenyl, -naphthyl, -benzyl,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{OR}_5$ ,  $-\text{SR}_5$ ,  $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ , or  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}_5$ ;

$R_3$  is -H, -halo,  $-\text{NO}_2$ ,  $-\text{CN}$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$ ,  $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_5\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{R}_5)$ ,  $-\text{OCF}_3$ , -benzyl,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$ ,  $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_8-\text{C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_5-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkenyl}$ , -naphthyl,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{R}_5)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}_5$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CHR}_5\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CHR}_5\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{OR}_5$ ,  $-\text{SR}_5$ ,  $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}_5$ ,  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}_5$ , or



$R_4$  is  $-(\text{C}_5)\text{heteroaryl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_6)\text{heteroaryl}$ , phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl;

each  $R_5$  is independently -H,  $-\text{CF}_3$ ,  $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ , -benzyl, -adamantyl, -morpholinyl, -pyrrolidyl, -pyridyloxide, -pyrrolidinylidone, -piperidyl,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_8-\text{C}_{14})\text{bicycloalkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$ , or



each  $R_6$  is independently -H, -halo,  $-\text{NO}_2$ , -CN, -OH,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  
 $-\text{N}((\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl})((\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl})$ ,  $-\text{O}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  
 $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-\text{OCF}_3$ , -benzyl,  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{CH}((\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl})((\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl})$ ,  
 $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkynyl}$ ,  
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 $-(\text{C}_6)\text{heteroaryl}$ , -phenyl, naphthyl,  $-(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{heterocycle}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  
 $-\text{CO}_2(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  
 $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{O}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}_5$ , or  $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$ ;

$n$  is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

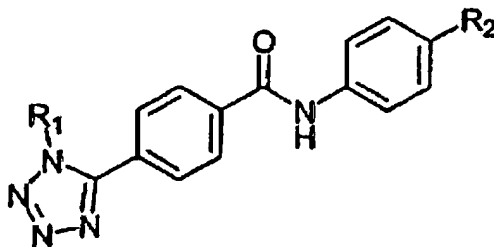
each  $m$  is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 8; and

each  $p$  is independently an integer ranging from 0 to 5.

2. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 3-13 have been canceled without prejudice.

14. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ib):



(Ib)

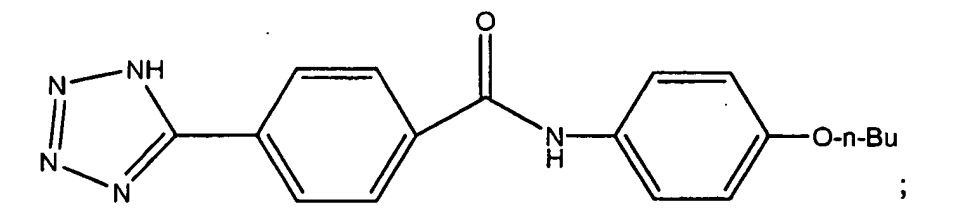
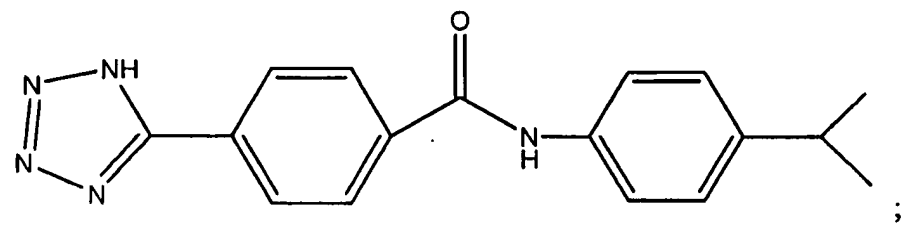
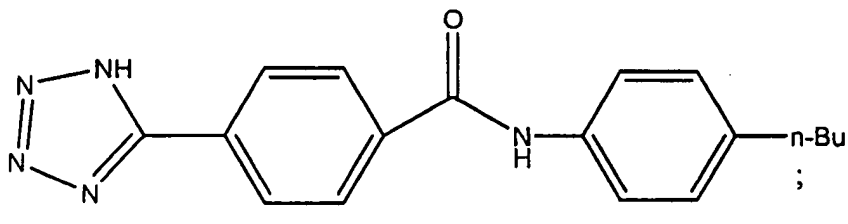
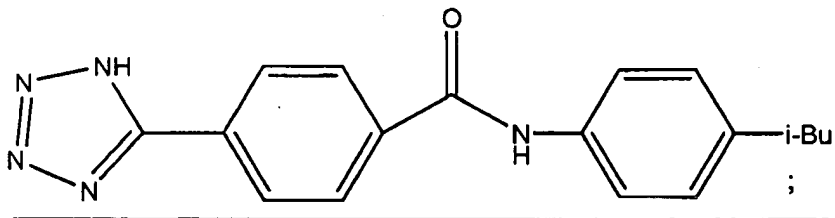
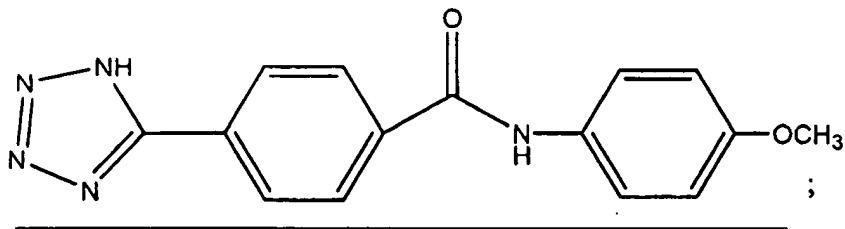
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, wherein:

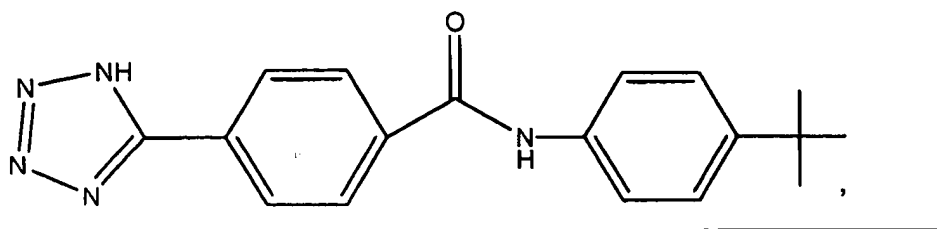
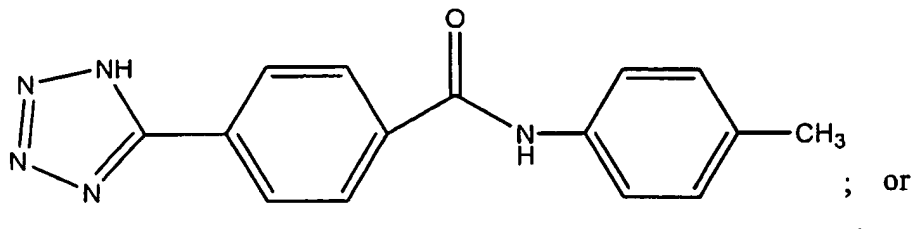
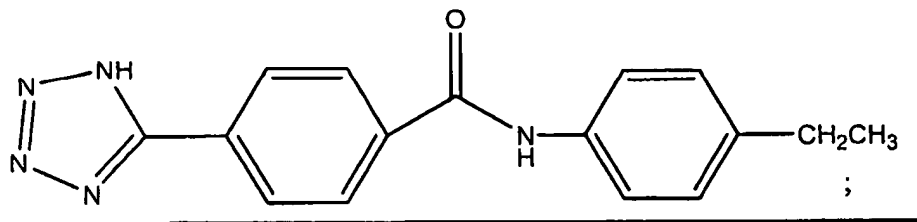
$R_1$  is -H,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ , or  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}_5)(\text{R}_5)$ ;

R<sub>2</sub> is -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl or -O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl;

R<sub>4</sub> is -(C<sub>5</sub>)heteroaryl, -(C<sub>6</sub>)heteroaryl, phenyl, naphthyl, or benzyl; and

each R<sub>5</sub> is independently -H, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl, -benzyl, -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkenyl, -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkynyl, -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)cycloalkyl, -(C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>)bicycloalkyl, or -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)heterocycle, with the proviso that the compound is other than:





or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

Claims 15-25 have been canceled without prejudice.

26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 14 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

27. (Previously Presented) The compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate of claim 14, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is -H.